

AGN. NO. _____

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PRIMARY CARE PRIVATIZATION

When we met with President Clinton, the County entered into an agreement which included a public/private partnership component. The intent of this partnership was to increase the volume of ambulatory care services and broaden access to primary care for our constituents. In establishing this partnership it was, and continues to be our goal to provide an accessible alternative to the many patients who obtain their primary care services from emergency rooms throughout the County. Since that time, the Department of Health Services (DHS) has taken some steps to develop a strategic plan to enhance the County's provision of primary care. According to the Chief Executive Officer's September 24th memo to this Board, DHS is proposing a plan which impacts the primary care service delivery network by, expanding the PPP program in under-equity areas and privatization of DHS provided primary care.

Under this plan, a public private partnership would occur when it is demonstrated that the services that County residents would receive are as good or better and can be

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provided at less cost, than the services that are provided by DHS operated clinics. The proposed plan outlines processes and procedures that would be followed that include guidelines; solicitation process; assessment of responses; stakeholder input; and a cost benefit analysis to comply with Proposition A requirements. In addition, all public private partnership recommendations resulting from this effort would have to be submitted to this Board for approval before being implemented.

DHS' initial assessment indicates that the Glendale Health Center is one of two sites that meet the recommendation for a public private partnership.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Interim Director of the Department of Health Services to:

1. implement the proposed primary care public private partnership plan as outlined in the Chief Executive Officer's September 24th memo to this Board; and
2. move forward with its assessment of public private partnership primary care at the Glendale Health Center, including consultation with the Director of Public Health regarding public health services currently provided at these facilities; and
3. establish a functional, effective and timely referral network for follow up specialty care in the continuum of treatment for our patients.

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